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PARTICIPANTS: Anatoliy F. Dobrynin, Ambassador of the U.S.S.R.  
Georgi M. Kornienko, Counselor, Embassy of the U.S.S.R.  
The Secretary  
Mr. Philip Valdes, EIR/sov

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The Secretary said that Gromyko had said in Geneva he would have something further to say on the proposal for a Deputy Foreign Ministers meeting on Germany. He asked if Ambassador Dobrynin had anything new on this.

The Ambassador said he did not. He pointed out Gromyko had also mentioned denuclearised zones, and asked if the Secretary had anything new on that.

The Secretary said he did not. It was an old, old story.

After a discussion of who would attend the UFGA (the Secretary saying he would but did not know when, and Dobrynin saying the Soviet delegation was not yet made up owing to vacations but he thought personally that Gromyko would attend as he usually did) the Secretary said he wanted to make another comment about the Deputy Foreign Ministers proposal. From what Chairman Khrushchev had said to Ambassador Thompson, it appeared that this could be looked at in Moscow as a delaying tactic. There is no question of delay on either side, unless it is on both. We have made proposals the Soviets have not accepted, and they have made proposals we have not accepted. This is not delaying, but disagreement. The question is how to handle disagreement without a crisis. If we could agree on some of the other points, this may have some effect on the more central point, West Berlin. Gromyko said in Geneva you would be glad to discuss these with us on a bilateral basis, but that discussion among the four would be better. The four is also more agreeable to us. I had to remind him that I cannot speak for the others.

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Dobrynin asked if we ~~then~~ preferred the four.

The Secretary said we did, and said he gathered so did the Soviets. He said that at Geneva Gromyko had once said he was prepared to discuss with us, or better still with the four. The Secretary said he picked this up as an expression of preference for the four.

The Ambassador said he did not know if the remark could be so taken.

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